

Final Program – CISS 2026

Monday, 21 September – Friday, 25 September 2026 · Ulcinj, Montenegro

	MORNING	LUNCH	AFTERNOON
MON 21	9:30–13:00 · Coffee break in between Welcome Address Bruno Cassiman / Reinhilde Veugelers Competition Policy and Innovation Reinhilde Veugelers (KU Leuven, BE) Innovation and Merger Control: Economic Evidence and European Policy Jo Seldeslachts (KU Leuven, BE & DIW, DE) <i>Chair: Imke Reimers</i>	Lunch at Hotel Karisma	14:00–17:00 · Coffee break in between Copyright and AI: Access to Information and New Product Supply Imke Reimers (Cornell University, US) Dealing with the Publication Process — Editor's View Bruno Cassiman (KU Leuven, BE & IESE Business School, ES) <i>Chair: Jo Seldeslachts</i> 19:30 Dinner
TUE 22	9:30–13:00 · Coffee break in between The Macroeconomics of Market Power Jan Eeckhout (Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Barcelona School of Economics, ES) Behavioral Economics of Digital Markets Paul Heidhues (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, DE) <i>Chair: Bruno Cassiman</i>		14:00–17:00 · Coffee break in between Student Workshops Junior Researchers present their current research 18:00 City Tour and Dinner at the Old Town of Ulcinj (Restaurant Teuta)
WED 23	9:00–12:00 · Coffee break in between Student Workshops Junior Researchers present their current research	Lunch at Hotel Mona	13:00 Departure for Rozafa Castle & Shkodra (Albania) Visit to Rozafa Castle Walking Tour in the Historic Center of Shkodra Dinner at Lake Skadar Time of return: around 22:00
THU 24	9:30–13:00 · Coffee break in between The Impact of Mergers Reviewed by the Commission on Innovation and Markups Florian Szücs (WU Vienna, AT) Patent Protection, Innovation, and Market Power Joel Stiebale (DICE, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, DE) <i>Chair: Reinhilde Veugelers</i>	Lunch at Hotel Karisma	14:00–17:00 · Coffee break in between Quasi-Experimental Methods for Competition and Innovation Ambre Elsas-Nicolle (Mines Paris – PSL, FR) 19:30 Dinner
FRI 25	9:30–13:00 · Coffee break in between Standard Essential Patents: A Legal and an Economic Perspective Christian Helmers (Santa Clara University, US) / Amandine Léonard (University of Edinburgh, UK) AI, Productivity, and Employment Bettina Peters (ZEW Mannheim, DE) <i>Chair: Thorsten Doherr</i>		14:00–17:00 · Coffee break in between The Search Engine: A Holistic Approach to Matching Thorsten Doherr (ZEW Mannheim, DE) 19:30 Dinner